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TAGS OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY), PGOV, BR, US  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN BRASILIA DURING PRESI-  
DENT'S VISIT

1. HARDLINE CONSERVATIVE RECTOR OF UNIVERSITY OF BRASILIA (UNB), JOSE CARLOS AZEVEDO, CALLED IN EMBOFF NOVEMBER 4 TO PASS ALONG "PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS" HE HAD RECEIVED FROM HIS STUDENTS THAT A STUDENT DEMONSTRATION WAS BEING PLANNED FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT (SINCE POSTPONED). THE STUDENTS WANT TO DEMONSTRATE IN SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT'S POLICIES, BUT THE RECTOR SAID HE WAS CONCERNED THAT A DEMONSTRATION WOULD IMPACT NEGATIVELY ON THE UNIVERSITY'S IMAGE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE CURRENT BRAZILIAN POLITICAL SITUATION.

2. AZEVEDO SAID HE COULD AND WOULD CONTROL ANY DEMONSTRATION THAT OCCURRED ON CAMPUS, BUT HIS CONCERN WAS THAT A DEMONSTRATION MIGHT OCCUR AT SOME OTHER LOCATION ON THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM AND THAT  
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IT COULD NOT BE CONTROLLED, HE IMPLIED, WITHOUT STRONG COUNTER-MEASURES. EMBOFF ASKED AZEVEDO IF HE SAW ANY THREAT TO THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL SECURITY, AND HE SAID NO. RECTOR ALSO INDICATED HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE SECURITY SERVICES ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A DEMONSTRATION. THE SECURITY SERVICES HAD FOLLOWED UP, HE SAID, BUT HAD FOUND NO INDICATION OF ANY DEMONSTRATION PLANNED. AZEVEDO REITERATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WANTED TO PASS ALONG HIS

CONCERN TO THE EMBASSY.

3. AZEVEDO SAID THAT AS A POSSIBLE COUNTER-MEASURE HE WAS THINKING OF DECOYING THE STUDENTS INTO REMAINING ON CAMPUS BY PLANTING A RUMOR IN THE PRESS THAT NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR DR. BRZEZINSKI WOULD APPEAR AT A MEETING ON THE UNB CAMPUS. EMBOFF TOLD RECTOR THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD PROBABLY RECEIVE PRESS QUERIES ABOUT SUCH A MEETING, AND WOULD HAVE TO DENY THAT DR. BRZEZINSKI WOULD VISIT THE UNIVESITY; OF COURSE, IF THE RECTOR ACTUALLY HAD IN MIND INVITING DR. BRZEZINSKI TO MEET WITH STUDENTS, THE EMBASSY WOULD PASS ALONG THE INVITATION. AZEVEDO QUICKLY BACKED AWAY FROM THAT SUGGESTION. HE DID, HOWEVER, PRODUCE A SHORT LETTER TO HIS "OLD COLLEAGUE" WHICH WELCOMED DR. BRZEZINSKI TO BRAZIL AND EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE TWO COULD MEET DURING THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

4. THE RECOR ASKED THAT WE PASS ALONG ANY INFORMATION WE MIGHT DEVELOP ABOUT POSSIBLE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS, AND PROMISED TO PASS TO THE EMBASSY FURTHER INFORMATION HE DEVELOPED, IF THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT A DEMONSTRATION WOULD BE HELD OFF-CAMPUS.

5. COMMENT. THERE MAY BE VALIDITY TO AZEVEDO'S CLAIM THAT UNB STUDENTS ARE PLANNING SOME KIND OF DEMONSTRAION , ON OR OFF CAMPUS, IN SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT. WE THINK STUDENTS' STRATEGY WOULD BE TO EMBARRASS GOB BY STRENGTH OF THEIR EFFORT IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT CARTER. DEMONSTRATION WOULD POSE A DILEMMA FOR THE GOB WITH MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES IN LARGE NUMBERS IN BRASILIA ACCOMPANING THE  
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PRESIDENT. GOB WOULD LIKE TO AVOID ANY IMPLICATION THAT GEISEL GOVERNMENT IS EITHER HEAVY-HANDED OR UNPOPULAR. PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS WITHOUT POLICE AUTHORIZATION ARE ILLEGAL ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS THAT THEY DISTURB PUBLIC ORDER, AND POLICE MIGHT USE THAT AUTHORITY TO DISSOLVE ANY STUDENT EFFORT. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY STUDENTS WOULD BE GRANTED PRIOR PERMISSION TO DEMONSTRATE WHILE PRESIDENT WAS HERE. STUDENTS, NO DOUBT, ARE AWARE OF THE LAW AND WOULD MORE LIKELY ATTEMPT "SPONTANEOUS" DEMONSTRATION WHICH MIGHT, AS FAR AS GOB OR NEUTRAL OBSERVERS WERE CONCERNED, APPEAR MORE HOSTILE TO GEISEL GOVERNMENT THAN SUPPORTIVE OF PRESIDENT CARTER.  
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